North Beach Area

Osprey

Old live oaks, Parade Ground

Fort moat , North Gate
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Fort Monroe Points of Interest

Building #1, Old Quarters: Here, Major General Benjamin Butler declared three men who escaped from slavery as contraband of war. Lincoln also stayed here while planning the attack on Norfolk in 1862.

Building #50: The historic engineer's quarters.

Building 17, Lee's Quarters: Quarters occupied by Robert E. Lee and his family while he was a young engineer helping to oversee the construction of Fortress Monroe.

Casemate #22: A fortified gun emplacement, part of the defensive system of the fort.

Casemate Museum: Owned and operated by the Fort Monroe Authority with curatorial support provided by the Army, the museum chronicles the military history of Fort Monroe.

Parade Ground: The grassy Parade Ground, surrounded on three sides by mature live oaks including the 500 year old "Algernon Oak", was historically used as much for recreation as military exercises and ceremonies.

Old Point Comfort Lighthouse: This 1802 lighthouse was a British observation post during the War of 1812. It is the oldest operating lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay and maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Fort Monroe is one of nearly 400 parks in the National Park System. To learn more about parks and National Park Service programs in America's communities, visit www.nps.gov

Map

Mill Creek

Wildlife Observation Platform

Beach Access *Closed to Motorized Vehicles*

Battery Anderson-Ruggles

FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT North Beach Area

Beach Access

Battery Church

Fenwick Rd

Battery DeRussy

Chesapeake Bay

PHOEBUS

258
N. Mallory
E. Mercury
E. Mellen
EXIT 268
143
258
143

North

NPS property

Trail, No motorized vehicles

FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT
VIRGINIA

0   0.25   0.5 Kilometers
0   0.25   0.5 Miles

64
60

Marina

Ingalls Rd
McNair Dr

St. Mary's Church
Main Gate

FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Stilwell Dr
Patch Rd

Bernard Rd

Building 50

Building 1

Parade Ground
Ruckman Rd

East Gate
Beach Access

Casemate 22

Building 17

Lighthouse

Batteries Irwin and Parrot

The Chamberlin
Fenwick Rd
Ingalls Rd

Continental Park, Gazebo

Casemate Museum

Chapel of the Centurion

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Planning Your Visit

A Brand New National Park

Fort Monroe is a new national park area with limited services and programs. It is a park "in progress" and in the coming years, you will see facilities and services added to the park.

The best way to explore the fortress today is by foot. Drive or bike to visit the North Beach area. As the largest stone fort ever built in the United States, you can experience the scale of the fort and understand its strategic location defending Hampton Roads Harbor and the Chesapeake Bay by walking the ramparts encircling the top of the fort. From there, look across the channel to Fort Wool to see how geographic placement was a key to the Third System fortifications coastal defense strategy. The fort was home to thousands of military families over the years. The scenic streets and historic homes at the fort are reminders of American domestic and civic life the fort was established to defend.

Today the fort is a home and workplace just as it was during its military service. Please respect the occupants' privacy as you enjoy touring the fort.

For a Safe Visit

Use caution when walking the rampart that circles the top of the fort. Do not venture too close to the edge of the fort walls and stay clear of the moat. Children should be closely supervised especially when exploring the fort's features. Be alert for traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists on Fort Monroe's thoroughfares.

Getting to the Park

From Richmond: I-64 East towards Norfolk/Williamsburg/Virginia Beach.
From Virginia Beach/Norfolk: I-64 West towards Richmond, VA.
Then, for both: Remain on I-64 until you reach Hampton, VA. Take Exit 268 (169 East Mallory St/ Ft. Monroe). Left at the light onto S Mallory St (0.1 mile). Right at the next light onto E Mellen St. Continue (approximately 0.6 miles) over a small bridge and causeway to the fort.

Fort wall detail Robert Kelly, Fort Monroe Authority